

WASHINGTON.

President Grant's View of the Alabama Question.

A Reminiscence of the Johnson Administration Unearthed.

Decisions of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

The President's Views of the Alabama Question.

As a recent day has been said lately about the position of the administration on the Alabama claims question, it is proper to state that the real view of the President is that the settlement of the vexed question should now be the task of Great Britain. As the latter deliberately inflicted injuries on our commerce, and deliberately prolonged the rebellion, satisfaction for these grave wrongs should be as deliberately made. The United States makes no extrajudicial alliances with other Powers. That is her traditional policy, at once her duty and her covenant, and that is to-day the attitude of President Grant. He does not propose to take advantage of the difficulties of a friendly nation. Unlike France, which interfered to establish a new empire on our southern frontier, and unlike England, which exerted all the influence of her aristocracy in favor of the rebellion as a moment when the cause of the Union was done, the President relies upon the Union was done, the English Ministry and the English masses, believing that they will seize the first fitting occasion to close up the only remaining cause of difference between people speaking the same language and animated by the most fraternal feelings toward each other.

An Unearthed Official—A Congressional Tribute to Cyrus W. Field Turned Up.

The Evening Star says:—On the 2nd of March, 1867, Congress appropriated \$5,000 for a gold medal, to be presented to Cyrus W. Field upon the completion of the Atlantic Cable. The medal was made of gold, weighing some three or four pounds, elaborately carved and mounted and encased in a pearl case mounted with gold. Secretary McCulloch, who was the Secretary of the Treasury, received the medal from the Mint and sent it to President Johnson by his confidential secretary. The medal was missed shortly after this, and upon inquiry being made, Mr. Johnson stated that he had returned it to the Treasury Department. Nothing could be heard of it at the department, and it has been believed that the medal had been stolen. Congress, therefore, made another appropriation of \$5,000 for a duplicate, which was made and presented to Mr. Field about two years ago. It now turns out that the original medal was returned to the Treasury Department by President Johnson after he had viewed it, and the messenger gave it to Assistant Treasurer Tuttle, who locked it up in his private safe, and never heard of the charge that it had been stolen or of an appropriation made for a new one. The medal remained in his safe until Saturday last, when Mr. Tuttle inquired of General Spink whether Mr. Field did not come for his medal. General Spink was greatly astonished, of course, at hearing all the facts in the case, and will retain the medal until some disposition of it shall be made by Congress.

New Regulations for the Settlement of Revenue Collectors' Accounts.

An important circular, which will greatly tend to facilitate the settlement of accounts of collectors of internal revenue, will be promulgated to-morrow. Under previous regulations outgoing collectors' accounts could not be settled until all the taxes were paid which they had received and which remained in their hands upon leaving office should have been accounted for, either by cash collections or claims for placement. Such claims and such collections had first to be made by the successor in office, and consequently the settlement of the ex-officio accounts depended almost entirely upon such settlements. This plan has greatly retarded prompt settlements, and the new regulations provide that in the event of the outgoing collector's producing evidence of due diligence in attempting to collect all taxes remaining in his hands the same shall be credited to his account and charged to the new official. The circular gives particular instructions in regard to the manner in which the transfer of office shall be made, the duty of the outgoing and new collector, supervisor, assessor, &c.

Count Railroad Bonds Subject to Taxation.

The United States Circuit Court at Springfield, Ill., after argument in the case of the United States vs. John W. Dunn, and after having fully considered the case, which was reserved for the purpose of a careful examination, have, all the judges concurring, sustained the following ruling of the Internal Revenue Bureau:—

The Alaska Seal Fishery.

Information received from the islands of St. Paul and St. George, Alaska, is to the effect that about 30,000 seals have been captured up to the 10th of October, and it was expected that 4,000 more would be captured before the close of the season. The seals were beginning to leave the island, however, and captures were not so numerous as heretofore. An agent of the Alaska Fur Seal Company, who was at the Treasury Department to-day, informed the Secretary that the company were endeavoring to obtain possession or control of Copper and Behring Islands, belonging to Russia. They are fur seal bearing and would give to the company a monopoly of the business. Two agents are now in Russia, with a prospect of securing possession of the islands.

Steamboasting Among the Cherokees.

The Secretary of the Interior has addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury stating that certain of the Cherokee are running a steamboat on the Arkansas river, and asking whether the commerce and navigation laws extend to the Indian Territory. The Secretary of the Treasury in reply informed the Secretary of the Interior that the Solicitor of the Treasury had decided the Treasury Department concerning the decision—that if steamboats are owned entirely by Cherokee Indians, and are run within the Indian Territory only, and are not a connecting link with other lines of travel, the owners of the steamboat would not be subject to those laws.

The New Orleans Mint Closed.

The Treasury Agent in charge of the branch Mint at New Orleans has, by the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, turned over all the property in his possession to the Assistant Treasurer, Congress having failed to make appropriation for the continuation of the institution.

H. A. Risley to-day received a telegram from Secretary Seward, from Pekin via London, saying that he and his party had arrived there all well. From Pekin they will proceed to Calcutta, Bombay and the Persian Gulf.

Investigation of Indian Pension Frauds.

A special commission, consisting of General Foster, clerk in the Pension Office, and pension agent Webster, left here to-night for Fort Gibson, to investigate the alleged pension frauds among the Indians at that place.

Personal.

General Butler had an interview with the President and also with Secretary Boutwell to-day.

Appointments by the President.—John R. Harp, of Virginia, and Edward P. McLean, of New York, consular clerks, and the following deputy postmasters.—James L. Camp, at Dixon, Ill.; W. H. Marrier, at St. Charles, Mo.; and H. E. Keeton, at Astoria, Ore.

A Steamship Owner Interviews the President.

[Washington Nov. 20.] Correspondence of the Boston Post.

Mr. William H. Gulton, of the Liverpool and North-western Steamship Company, en route from Ala-

NEW YORK CITY.

General News Items About Town—Localities.

The following record will show the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours in comparison with the corresponding day of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudson's Pharmacy, Herald Building, corner of Ann street:—

	1869.	1870.		1869.	1870.
3 A. M.	40	42	3 P. M.	45	45
6 A. M.	40	42	6 P. M.	45	45
9 A. M.	40	42	9 P. M.	45	45
12 M.	40	42	12 P. M.	45	45

Average temperature for corresponding date last year..... 43 1/2°

The Board of Charities, met yesterday and completed the canvass in the Sixth, Tenth and Fourteenth wards.

William Dowling, thirty-six years of age, and born in Ireland, died yesterday from the effects of fracture of the skull and other injuries, received by falling down a flight of stairs at his residence, 116 East Fourth street.

In the New York Ophthalmic and Aural Institute, 46 East Twelfth street, during the last three months, 545 new patients were treated for eye diseases, and 1,000 for ear diseases, and 97 operations were performed.

George H. Moller has collected the following sums for the benefit of the sick and wounded soldiers of Germany and remitted direct:—Mollers & Martens, \$200; C. Fischer, \$300; C. Moller, treasurer, \$200; Muller & Bahrer, \$100; total, \$1,350.

The Merry Four sociable will open the season by giving their second Grand Masquerade and Surprise Party on Thanksgiving evening. The company met at the residence of Mrs. Louis D. Amerman, 14 Orchard street, and from there will proceed on their masquerade surprise tour.

The ladies of the Suffolk street Dutch Reformed church, pastor Frederick Busche, last evening opened a fair in the hall of the German Young Men's Christian Association, 62 Lindow street.

David Gray, a man thirty years of age, born in Scotland, was found by Robert Ennever, of 194 Third avenue, lying dead on a plank in a new building in Fifty-seventh street, between Madison and Fifth avenues. The plank, from the sidewalk to the basement of the premises, Captain Gunner, of the Nineteenth precinct, had the body sent to the Morgue.

On Wednesday last a girl about nineteen years of age, only known as Lotta, called at the fashionable boarding house 127 West Twenty-sixth street and complained of being sick from over indulgence in eating of the property in the vicinity of the street, but grew worse and died yesterday morning.

Whether the deceased had friends and a permanent home is unknown to the gentleman of the house where Lotta died. The body was conveyed to the Morgue, where Wootter Beach, M. D., will make a post mortem examination.

OBITUARY.

Charles John Plumtree.

A cable telegram from London announces the death of F. C. Plumtree, Master of the University of Oxford. This is evidently an error, as we can find no such person as F. C. among the list of persons of that name. We suppose that the gentleman referred to is Charles John Plumtree, the distinguished lecturer on elocution, whose brother, Rev. Edward Hayes Plumtree, is well known as an author of religious works. He was born in 1815, and died in 1870, at the age of 55 years.

Arthur Felson.

This gentleman, the Consul General of Hayti, died early yesterday morning in Orange county. He was born in Exeter, N. H., in 1795, and, after receiving a good education, engaged in mechanical pursuits. In 1822 he went to Hayti for the purpose of carrying out an idea relative to the incubation of poultry by artificial heat; but, failing in this, turned his attention to the business of a trader, and was successful. He was married, and had a family.

ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

It has just been decided by the Superior Court, in Cincinnati, that a man who has a right in her husband's society and companionship, and can maintain an action for damages for the loss thereof. It appears that the husband had an adopted daughter who was married, and she was living with her husband's family. The court ruled that the action would not be against her husband, but her right of action against the person who drew away and harbored her husband was indisputable. Persons will, therefore, take notice that if they harbor husbands they are liable to the wives for damages.

SHIPPING NEWS.

Almanac for New York—This Day.

Sun rises..... 6:55 Moon rises..... 6:07
Sun sets..... 4:37 High water..... 7:54

OCEAN STEAMERS.

DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

Steamer.	Days.	Destination.	Office.
Colorado	Nov. 23	Liverpool	29 Broadway.
Ville de Paris	Nov. 23	London	29 Broadway.
City of Brooklyn	Nov. 23	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
City of New York	Nov. 23	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
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PORT OF NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 21, 1870.

ARRIVED.

Steamship Jean Bell, Blackman, Norfolk, Acc.—Old Dominion Steamship Co.

Steamship Francis, Bragg, Portland—J. F. Ames.

Steamship Egeria, (Br.), dock, Liverpool—Grimes, McIntire & Co.

Steamship Mark McNeill, (Br.), Lockhart, Bristol, E. E. Morgan & Co.

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